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For : METHOD, IN PARTICULAR FOR FEEDING A CIGARETTE STRAND  
MACHINE AS WELL AS A DISTRIBUTOR DEVICE, IN PARTICULAR  
FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 20, 2007, the period for response extending until June 20, 2007, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

***Amendments to the Claims*** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

***Remarks*** begin on page 7 of this paper.